

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 4  
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A RESOLUTION to honor Charles Grady Norton as the winner of the Exchange Club's "Community Service Award".

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this legislative body honor citizens who have devoted themselves, their resources, and their talents to community service; and

WHEREAS, Charles Grady Norton has shown leadership, professionalism and dedication while serving his neighbors in Warren County and Middle Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Norton served five years in the 56th Fighter Group of the 8th Air Force; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Norton was a valuable employee of Genesco for 35 years; and

WHEREAS, a humane and caring individual, Mr. Norton served as the Executive Secretary for the American Legion of Tennessee for seven and one-half years, retiring for the second time at age seventy in 1994; and

WHEREAS, despite the pressing demands of his work, Mr. Norton has held numerous leadership positions within the American Legion, including meritorious service as Commander, Post 173, District Commander, Middle Tennessee Commander, Tennessee State Commander, and Member of the National Executive Committee; and

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WHEREAS, in 1990, Governor Ned McWherter, appointed Mr. Norton to serve on the Tennessee World War II Maneuvers Commission, and he served with distinction as the Commission's Vice-Chairman; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Norton has served his community as president of the Warren County High School Band Boosters Club, Chairman of the Big Brothers, Chairman of the American Legion Boys State, Chairman of the Memorial Day Celebration, Chairman of the Veteran's Day observance, Chairman of the School Awards program, member of the American Legion Color Guard, and as a presenter of the R.O.T.C. awards; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Norton is a very patriotic person and proud of our flag; he worked with the Tennessee General Assembly to pass the "Flag Amendment"; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Norton is a devout Christian and evinces his strong belief in the Lord through his membership in the First United Methodist Church, where he serves as a member of the Administrative Board and President of the United Methodist Men; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his astute service to his community, Mr. Norton remains most committed and appreciative of the love and companionship he shares with his lovely wife of 50 years, Pauline, and his two children, Pat Bryan and Mike Norton; and

WHEREAS, this body finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to congratulate and honor Charles Grady Norton; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby honor Charles Grady Norton as the winner of this 1996 Exchange Club "Community Service Award", commend him for his generosity and volunteer spirit and extend to him our best wishes for much continued success in the years to come.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation to Mr. Charles Grady Norton, with this final clause omitted from such copy.